GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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EDUCATIONALLY BACKWARD DISTRICTS
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the names of educationally backward districts in Madhya Pradesh;

(b) the main cause of their backwardness; and

(c) the steps taken by the Union Government to remove such backwardness?

Answer

MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOSURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI JAYSING RAO GAIKWAD PATIL)

(a) & (b): 39 districts of Madhya Pradesh namely, Betul, Bilaspur, Chhatarpur, Dhar, Guna, Mandaur, Panna, Raigarh, Raisen, Rajgarh, Rajnandgaon, Ratlam, Rewa, Surguja, Satna, Sehore, Sahdol, Sidhi, Tikamgarh, Mandla, Seoni, Shivpuri, Bhind, Morena, Bastar, Vidisha, Jhabua, Datia, Kharegaon, Dewas, hshapur, Raipur, Khandwa, Damoh, Chhindwara, Ujjain, Hoshangabad, Sagar and Balaghat have been identified as educationally backward districts based on the criteria of having female literacy rate lower than the national average, as per 1991 census.

(c) District Primary Education Programme (DPEP) has been launched in the State in 34 of these districts with the objective of universalisation of access, reducing drop- out improving learning achievement and reducing disparities amongst social groups by adopting an area specific approach with district as the unit of palnning. Besides, it is the constant endeavour of Government to give attention to such backward districts in implementation of Centrally Sponsored Schemes.